

Message

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Sent: 1/14/2014 7:58:46 PM
To: Mcseveney, Megan [mcseveney.megan@epa.gov]; Krause, Patricia [krause.patricia@epa.gov]; Berkoff, Michael [berkoff.michael@epa.gov]; Frey, Rebecca [frey.rebecca@epa.gov]
CC: Bouchee-Cureton, Yolanda [bouchee.yolanda@epa.gov]; Saric, James [saric.james@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Allied Paper FS rollout next steps - Draft desk statement

Importance: High

Draft Desk Statement- Similar to website text but has a few more details...

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed the “feasibility study” for the Allied Landfill portion of the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund site. The feasibility study does not propose a specific cleanup plan, but is a detailed description and analysis of potential cleanup options considered for the site. The proposed cleanup plan will be developed and presented to the public at a later date.

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All of the alternatives (except the no-action one) require excavation of contaminated material from the former operations area near Alcott Street and from sections east of Portage Creek such as the Goodwill property and nearby residential lots. The various cleanup alternatives require different amounts of excavation in the other parts of the site. PCB-containing materials located under the Goodwill buildings would not be removed. If there is any contaminated material left under buildings, groundwater monitoring would be performed and land-use covenants would be put in place.

EPA will be hosting two information sessions to talk about cleanup options for the Allied Paper Landfill site after the public has had an opportunity to review EPA’s “feasibility study.” The first session will be held sometime in early February and the next one will be held about one month later. EPA will announce those dates in a later mailing.

From: Mcseveney, Megan
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 1:56 PM
To: Krause, Patricia; Berkoff, Michael; Frey, Rebecca
Cc: Bouchee-Cureton, Yolanda; Saric, James
Subject: RE: Allied Paper FS rollout next steps - Draft website text
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Please see and comment on the draft website text below.

Website Update Draft

January 2014

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Factsheet link

FS link

From: Krause, Patricia
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 10:14 AM
To: Mcseveney, Megan; Berkoff, Michael; Frey, Rebecca
Cc: Bouchee-Cureton, Yolanda
Subject: RE: Allied Paper FS rollout next steps

We haven’t confirmed the date for the February session.

We most like will hold the session at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds Buildings.

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From: Mcseveney, Megan
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 9:55 AM
To: Berkoff, Michael; Frey, Rebecca; Krause, Patricia
Cc: Bouchee-Cureton, Yolanda
Subject: RE: Allied Paper FS rollout next steps

Maybe we can overnight copies for the congressional as well? I think that might make sense, but would want to coordinate that through Denise.

Also, do you know where are we at with meeting dates/locations for the early February meeting?

From: Berkoff, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 9:53 AM
To: Mcseveney, Megan; Frey, Rebecca; Krause, Patricia
Cc: Bouchee-Cureton, Yolanda
Subject: RE: Allied Paper FS rollout next steps

Let's post the appendices. Could we add the appendices of the RI too?

Those copies are going out overnight today. I wanted the FS factsheet to get a head start on them. The feedback from stakeholders was to get our message out before the actual FS.

Michael

From: Mcseveney, Megan
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 9:51 AM
To: Berkoff, Michael; Frey, Rebecca; Krause, Patricia
Cc: Bouchee-Cureton, Yolanda
Subject: RE: Allied Paper FS rollout next steps

Great! Thanks for the clarification. When do we plan to send those out?

Also, is there any problem if we post appendices on the website?? ...Jeff Kelley said he thought they may fit, but wasn't sure.

Thanks!

From: Berkoff, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 9:49 AM
To: Frey, Rebecca; Mcseveney, Megan; Krause, Patricia
Cc: Bouchee-Cureton, Yolanda
Subject: RE: Allied Paper FS rollout next steps

Spot on Becky.

FS copies headed to city, watershed council, cleanup coalition, protection association (dale Harrison group), kzoo library and Edison neighborhood association.

From: Frey, Rebecca
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 9:46 AM
To: Mcseveney, Megan; Krause, Patricia
Cc: Bouchee-Cureton, Yolanda; Berkoff, Michael
Subject: RE: Allied Paper FS rollout next steps

Hi Megan,

One clarification – I don't think Michael or Patti intend to send the actual FS Report out to EVERYBODY (i.e., all the residents). Everyone on the site mailing list will get the factsheet, but not the FS Report. I believe that Michael intends to send the FS Report out to certain people & groups that he knows will want a copy, and certainly to anyone who requests a copy, but not to all the residents.

Michael, please correct me if I'm wrong about this.

-Becky

From: Mcseveney, Megan
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 5:54 AM
To: Krause, Patricia
Cc: Bouchee-Cureton, Yolanda; Frey, Rebecca; Berkoff, Michael
Subject: Allied Paper FS rollout next steps

Hey Patti,

I started working on a desk statement from the factsheet that was approved. Basically, we can cut down the first page and use that for our draft.

At the same time Jeff Kelly has mentioned that we should write a website update for Allied that would be similar/ the same as the draft statement. Since I know you will be in training most of today - I can work on that draft too.

Before training could you send me the word document and not the PDF of the factsheet?

Timing wise, I understand that the mailing will go out today. Ideally, I will work with Denise/Ronna on getting the factsheet and FS to the congressionals tomorrow morning. This assumes that we will have desk statement approved through superfund management today and sent to OPA for the RA's review. Michael brought me a copy of the cd yesterday to share with the webteam so that they can prepare the actual fs to be posted to the website along with the factsheet and a web update on Wednesday afternoon. Since you are in training, I plan to walk that upstairs to the web team today.

I heard from Michael and Becky that you (the team) have discussed sending out the actual FS to residents after the initial mailing of the factsheet. Is that still the case and do you have an idea of when that mailing will be?

Thanks so much! Give me a call (6-1972) if you have any questions or would like me to change anything.

Megan